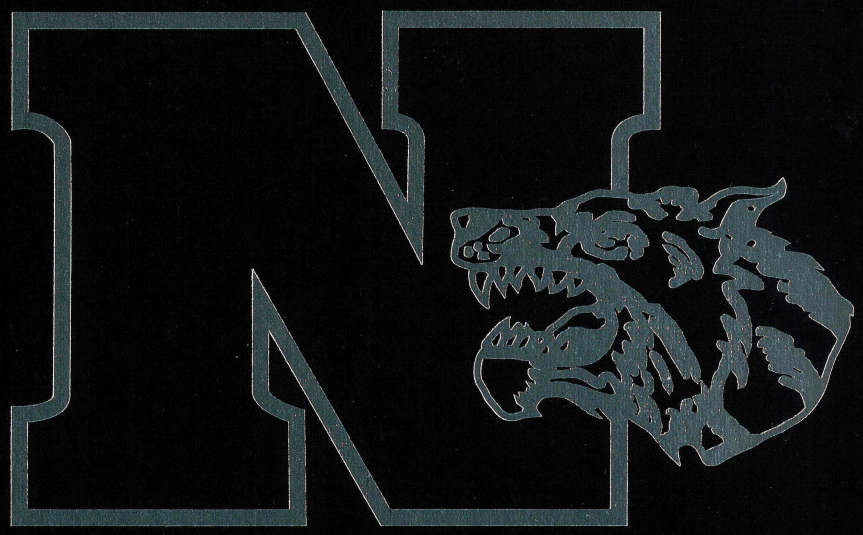

2026
Commencement Ceremony

East Stroudsburg Area High School North

Committed to Excellence!

The Twenty-Sixth Commencement

Friday, June the Fifth
Two Thousand and Twenty-Sixth
Six o'clock p.m.

High School North
Dingmans Ferry, Pennsylvania

EAST STROUDSBURG
AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Congratulations, Class of 2026!! Graduation marks not only the celebration of all you have accomplished, as well as the beginning of incredible opportunities ahead. My hope is that you have time to both reflect on the journey that brought you here and envision the endless potential of your future.

Look back with pride on everything you have achieved and appreciate the determination it took to reach this milestone. Celebrate your successes, learn from your struggles, while recognizing the resilience, perseverance, and personal growth that have shaped who you are today. Let those experiences strengthen your confidence and inspire you to maximize today's potential for tomorrow's success.

As you look toward the future, realize that the opportunities are infinite! Have faith in your talents, pursue your passions with purpose, and strive to make a positive impact on your community and the world around you. Your generation holds the power to shape the future which is bright because of each of you.

On behalf of the East Stroudsburg Area School District, the Board of Education, and our entire community, congratulations graduates! The world is waiting for your voice, your vision, and your values! May your hearts always be filled with kindness, your minds with curiosity, and your futures with success!

Maggie Vitale, Ed.D.
Superintendent of East Stroudsburg Area School District
ESASD Alumni, Class of 1997

2026 North High Graduates!

What an amazing first year you have given me, Seniors! Thank you! Although I have only been with all of you for only a few months, each of you has made a positive and lasting impact on me. I am truly grateful for the memories, kindness, and experiences we have shared together. This senior class is filled with an extraordinary group of leaders with incredibly bright futures ahead of them. You all have exemplified what it means to represent T-WOLF NATION! So now, as you prepare to walk out of High School North and into the "real world," remember the impact you have made and the potential you carry with you. This is the point where life's challenges become more complex than ever before. Here is my advice: Always be authentic. Do what you believe is right, and if mistakes happen, that is okay. Reflect on your choices, learn from them, and continue to grow. Life is a journey, and you will keep evolving into a person who can make a positive impact on society. Always be willing to lend a helping hand when possible. Most importantly, remember that your NORTH FAMILY is always here for you. On behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration, we wish you nothing but the best. You got this!

Sincerely,

Principal Lenhart

2026 GRADUATION PROGRAM

Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance" ..... Edward Elgar and arranged by Clare Grundman

Introduction of "The Star-Spangled Banner" ..... Lawrance Cruz, Class President

"The Star-Spangled Banner" ..... Francis Scott Key arranged by Darmon Meader
Performed by the North Choir featuring members of the Class of 2026

"Alma Mater" ..... Anthony DeAngelis
Performed by the North Choir featuring members of the Class of 2026

Moment of Silence..... Lawrance Cruz, Class President

Introduction of Superintendent..... Briann Anderson, Class Vice President

Welcome..... Dr. Maggie Vitale, Superintendent

Class Poem..... "The Road Not Taken" read by Hyugo Totsuka-Sarapura, SGA President
Written by Robert Frost

Introduction of Principal..... Briann Anderson, Class Vice President

Opening Remarks..... Mr. Ray E. Lenhart, Principal

Salutatory Address..... Dylan Perry, Salutatorian

Valedictory Address..... Lawrance Cruz, Valedictorian

Introduction of Class Song..... Hailey Vander Plaat, Class Secretary

Class Song..... *Louder Than Words*..... Words & Music by Jonathan Lawrence, arr. by Mac Huff
Performed by the North Choir featuring members of the Class of 2026

Special Recognitions..... Giavanna Cruz, Class Treasurer

Introduction of ESASD School Board Representative ..... Giavanna Cruz, Class Treasurer

Remarks..... Mrs. Rebecca Bear, ESASD School Board

Presentation of Diploma Candidates..... Mr. Ray E. Lenhart, Principal

Certification of Diploma Candidates..... Mr. Jason Gullstrand, Vice President of ESASD School Board

Statement by the Class President..... Lawrance Cruz, Class President

Presenter of Graduates' Names..... Mr. Anthony Massa, Social Studies Teacher

Introduction of the Class of 2026..... Mr. Ray E. Lenhart, Principal

Recessional: "Joyful Journey" ..... Robert Sheldon
Performed by members of the North Ban

2026 SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

Bushkill/Smithfield Lions Club Community Service Award ..... Rachel Birnbaum
Lawrance Cruz

East Stroudsburg Rise and Shine Award ..... Lawrance Cruz

Saw Creek Women's Club Scholarship ..... Rianna Burgos
Valentina Gadayeva

East Stroudsburg North Football Scholarships ..... Wayne King
Jayden Ramos, Jayden Rodriguez, Scott Stevenson, Kendrick Sympson, Nick Tuzzio

Pike County Bar Association Scholarships ..... Aixa Grave
Isaiah Moses-Bowman, Hyugo Totsuka-Sarapura

East Stroudsburg North Baseball Scholarships ..... Colin Howell
Jayden Rodgriguez, Dylan Krumanocker

East Stroudsburg 50+ Alumni Scholarships ..... Savannah Kaplafka
Gabrielle Mella

East Stroudsburg Area School District Board Scholarships ..... Lawrance Cruz
Kaithlyn Ulate-Mora, Dylan Perry

East Stroudsburg North Band Parent Organization Scholarship ..... Hyugo Totsuka-Sarapura
Diego Cano, Valentina Gadayeva, Nina Yanuzzi

ESASD Transporting Dreams Scholarship ..... Jose Ramos

Elizabeth Dimmick Walters Memorial Scholarship ..... Samantha DeConti

Joseph M. Kulick Memorial Scholarship ..... Hyugo Totsuka-Sarapura

Kiwanis Club of Stroudsburg's Scholarship Award ..... Dylan Perry

Madyson Law Memorial Art Scholarship ..... Jaslyn Floyd
Miley Hossain

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Nathaniel Roberts

Margrit Roeckendorf Memorial Award ..... Christian Torres

Mark Price Memorial Scholarship ..... Dylan Perry

East Pocono Alumnae Chapter of Delta Theta Sigma Sorority Scholarship ..... Axi Grave

Pocono Chamber of Commerce Youth Appreciation Award ..... Ashley Szelesta

Faith International Church 2026 Donald N Lynch Scholarship ..... Tanasia Garner

Woodman of the World Award ..... Dylan Perry

Patricia A Riccobono '75 Memorial Scholarship ..... Lawrance Cruz

St. Luke's Extraordinary Athlete Scholarship ..... Lawrance Cruz

St. Luke's Health Sciences Partnership Scholarship ..... Gabrielle Mella

East Stroudsburg ELKS Lodge #319 Scholarship ..... Aixa Grave

East Stroudsburg Education Foundation Scholarship ..... Aixa Grave

East Stroudsburg Education Association's
Ruth Flory & Theodore Miller Scholarship ..... Christian Torres

Salvation Army Irene Cramer Community Service Scholarship ..... Lawrance Cruz

Monroe County Bar Association Foundation ..... Valentina Gadayeva

ESSA Bank Scholarship ..... Colin Howell

Carrie Rogers Memorial Scholarship ..... Dylan Perry

Resica Educational Assistance Scholarship ..... Dylan Perry

Dr. Elmo J Lilli Memorial Healthcare Scholarship ..... Lawrance Cruz

United States Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award ..... Brandon Roca
Leah Geddes

United States Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award ..... Lawrance Cruz
Samantha DeConti

United States Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Award
For Musical Excellence ..... Dylan Perry
Nina Yanuzzi

EAST STROUDSBURG HIGH SCHOOL NORTH CLASS OF 2026

Esmeralda Leaan Abreu
Neriah Acosta*
Alyssa Mattiela Adrover
Micah Alicea
Kaniyiah-Alanna Adara Lenora Adele Alston
Jillyanne Grace Alvarez
Juan Daniel Amador
Riley Denise Ambio
Briann Arian Anderson*
Hailey Elice Antonio
Kylee Amber Arrington
Nyeem Ishmael Arroyo
Alexander Logan Aversa
Soraya Cianny Baptistin
Sapphire Vanity Barksdale
Fatoumata B Barry
Ibrahim Bebeji
Isaiah Lamont Beckles
Arielle Elise Biggs
Rachel Charlene Birnbaum
Nissrine Giselda Boumghait
Za'Haura Manelle Branche
Harmony Justice Briggs
Grace Elizabeth Brown
Jordan David Brown
Najaria Americus Brown
Rianna Alyssa Burgos
Mki Caldon
Diego Alonso Cano*
Amea Mariya Carey
Felipe Sergio Castanheira
Britney Jessiel Chabla Pala*
Philemon-Oas Audrey Chrechie
Jonathan Cigarroa*
Cassandra Faith Coad
Stefon Amir Sakari Cofield
Malik DeJhuan Cole
Katelynn Colon
Logan Riley Colon
Gavin Concepcion
Amirah Reflection Sharii Coombs*
Angela June Costa
Giavanna Marie Cruz
Lawrance Julius Cruz*
Logan Cruz*
Michael Ruben-Elliot Cruz
Hermari Daniels
Jayden T Daniels
Jessi Lee Davila
Alexander Bryant Davis
Laura A Decker
Samantha Nicole DeConti*
Hawa Diallo
Christian Alexander Diaz
Julyza Lynn-Marie Diaz
Zahmirr Jahmal Dickerson
Jonathan Ethan Dixon
Ryan William Donovan
Courtney Drysdale*

Sanyha Dubois
Asir Ibn Salihideen Dunn Washington
Justice Claude Edwards
Maddison Hailey Eggar
Bobbi Lynn Emph
Nevaeh Christine Ann Fair
Tareem Faison
Joshua Anthony Feliciano
Matthew Mican Figueroa
Mason James Findley
Sean Anthony Fish
Jaslyn Jenae Floyd*
Robby Glen Ford
Yazmin Maya Ford*
Jeremy Paul Frangipane
Jeremy Frias
Valentina Alekseevna Gadayeva*
Ryleigh Makayla Gant
Amy Marlene Garcia
Gianna Garcia
Tanasia Marie Garner
Leah Jade Geddes*
Gabriel Gendlin-Vittoria
Julian Mark Golebiewski
Aixa Skye Grave*
Mishka Grey*
Veronica Marie Gurry
Geraldo Gutierrez III
Elianna Gutierrez Urbaez
Aiden Angel Guzman
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Caleb Mugisha Hakizimana
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Destiny Lashae Harris
Keddon L Henry
Corey Joel Hepburn
Makaila Cristina Hernandez
Sean Lindard Hines
Athena Louise Hojnacki
Jason Christopher Hojnacki Jr.
Taina Jada Horton
Miley Jasmine Hossain
Colin Michael Howell
Chiara Iacono
Dashna Jean
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Brandon Zi-En Jeffers
Dana Sofia Jensen
Savannah Melissa Kaplafka*
Weston Patrick Kijewski
Wayne King*
Mateusz Dawid Klus
Samantha Koczur
Vanhi Kopanati
Dylan James Krumanocker*
Shemar Jaden LaBeach
Jayna Grace Ladouceur*
Leigh Anna Esther Lambert
Josepha Mabenesha Lisette Levry*

Mark Davrian Lilly Jr
Jayden Zekhai Lowe
Manuel E Luciano
Jayden Ramon Lugo
Angelina Samara Marrero
Heriel Abbel Martinez Ruiz
Alyssa Lucy Massaro
Vincent Ray Matheny III
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Jalil Emanuel McFarlane
Marcus A Medina Jr
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Jacob A Miller
Wyatt Douglas Miller
Malik Josiah Mitchell
Kenneth David Moldovan
Hailey Jada Moore
Gustavo Yandel Mora
Justin Isaiah Moses-Bowman
Matthew David Mosquera
Michael Anthony Norris
Alan Connor Onate
Emily Maria Orellana
Amelia Elizabeth Ortega-Draven
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Sebastian Ortiz*
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Genisis Partington
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Jazlene Nevaeh Perez
Jesse Perez
Noel Xavier Perez
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ALMA MATER

Deep within the forest green
Nature's wonders hide.
Rays of sunlight can be seen
Reflecting our school pride.

Mem'ries we hold fondly
Of years, here and gone.
Our future's bright horizon,
Our success is at its dawn!

Visions deep within our hearts
Make our spirits soar!
Oh, with you our honor starts
East Stroudsburg Area North.

HONOR MEDALLIONS

At today's commencement exercise, medallions affixed to ribbons distinguish the Valedictorian and Salutatorian.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The purpose of the National Honor Society is to create enthusiasm for scholarships, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools. To be eligible for membership, students must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5. Additionally, potential members must meet high standards of leadership, service, and character. Leadership is based on the student's participation in two or more community or school activities, or election to an office. To meet the service requirement, the student must have been active in three or more service projects in the school and community. Character is measured in terms of integrity, behavior, ethics, and cooperation with students and faculty. Membership is an honor bestowed upon a student, and once selected, members have the responsibility to uphold the standards of the organization. At today's commencement exercise, gold cords distinguish the National Honor Society members.

East Stroudsburg Area School District
Central Administration

Superintendent of Schools.....Dr. Maggie Vitale
Assistant Superintendent for District Programs. .....Mr. Andrew Snyder
Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Services .....Dr. Karen Bukoski
Chief of School Police/School Safety & Security Coordinator.....Chief Frederick Mill
Director of Communications & Operations.....Mr. Eric Forsyth
Director of Fiscal Affairs .....Mr. Matthew Krauss
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